

**Vermont Advisory Board for Children and Youth
With Special Mental Health Needs**

**November 17, 2006
Waterbury Complex
12:00-3:00**

Present: Ted Tighe, Jo-Anne Unruh, Julie Welkowitz, Kreig Pinkham
Guests: Alice Maynard, Sherry Burnette

I. Board Business

- A. Approved minutes of September meeting. Approved minutes of October 2006 meeting with edits.
- B. Approved concept of letter of endorsement for Career Start initiative: *Successfully Transitioning Vermont's Youth with Disabilities, from High School to Employment, Further Education, and Independent Living*. Kreig will draft letter and send it to Alice. She will forward to Board members for edits. Either Guy or Jo-Anne will sign it and then mail it to Renee Kievit Kylar.
- C. Membership: Alice reported that she has been unable to pay sufficient attention to the appointment process this year due to her workload. With Sherry's and Jeff's resignations, Carla's continuing absence, and Guy's position, we are reaching a critical level. She will send the current appointment chart to members. Julie will speak to Todd; Alice will call Jim. Will try to submit a slate in December.
- D. Updates
 - Ted reported that November 27 will be the first planning meeting for the fall 2007 meeting on intensive community based services; it will replace the annual collaboration conference for the year.
 - Due to Alice's workload for the foreseeable future, it was decided that minutes will be minimalist, focusing on decisions. Members also reviewed the support history for the Board and considered possible future options in terms of 2007 recommendations.

II. Trauma: Sherry Burnette, AHS Trauma Coordinator

Sherry Burnette presented an overview of AHS' trauma initiative and the work she has done to date. Discussed with the Board short and mid-range options.

III. 2007 Priorities

- A. Discussed possibilities. Tentative decision to be reviewed at the December meeting:
 - **Interagency Agreement: Jo-Anne**
 - More infrastructure support to LITs and Board
 - Update System of Care Plan periodically as required in Act 264*
 - Provide for ongoing evaluation
 - **Autism: Jo-Anne and Guy**
 - Minor edits to draft by Jo-Anne and Guy: add element to plan requirements of local capacity for standard/model assessment and care
 - **Transition: Kreig**
 - Recommendations in Career Start white paper
 - Beyond youth aging out of custody
 - Support to housing, case management, and JOBS; Alice to get Kreig funding levels for JOBS over the last several years ASAP

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- ***Trauma: Julie***
 - education representatives on the AHS Trauma Steering Committee (*e.g.*, DOE, BEST, Special Education, Guidance, Safe Schools)
 - possible annual report on progress to the New Agency Team
 - value of the AHS Trauma Coordinator's position.

Lead writers will have draft for review at the December meeting.

IV. Public Comment

None.

V. Next Meeting

Note: Next meeting moved from December 8 to **December 15, Weeks room TBA.**

- Appointment process status
- Review draft of Act 264 updated forms
- Finalize 2007 priority recommendations